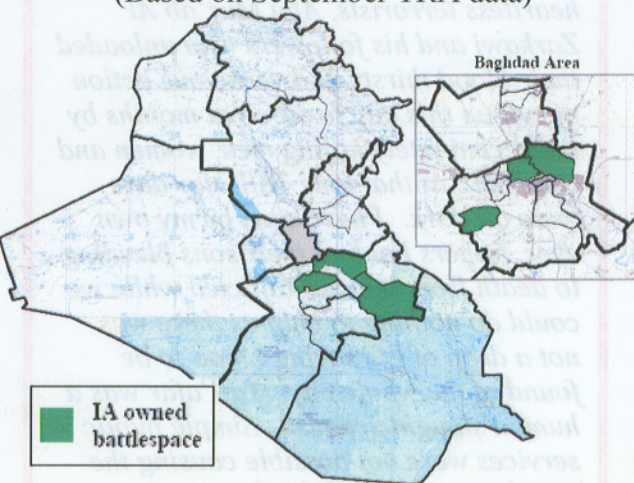


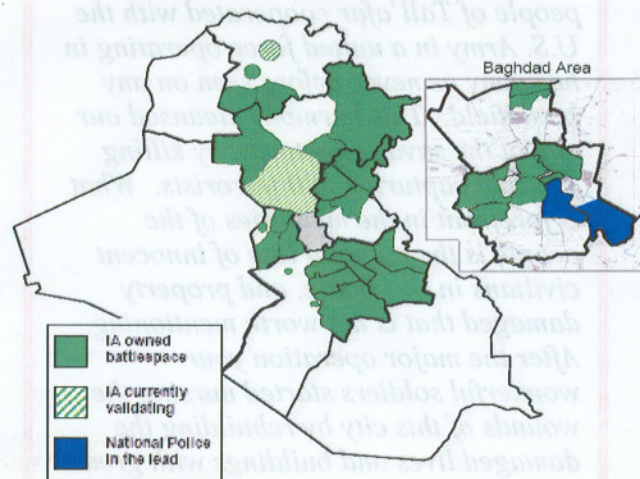
## Progress on the Ground

### Iraqi Army (IA) Owned Battle Space: 9/1/05 (Based on September TRA data)



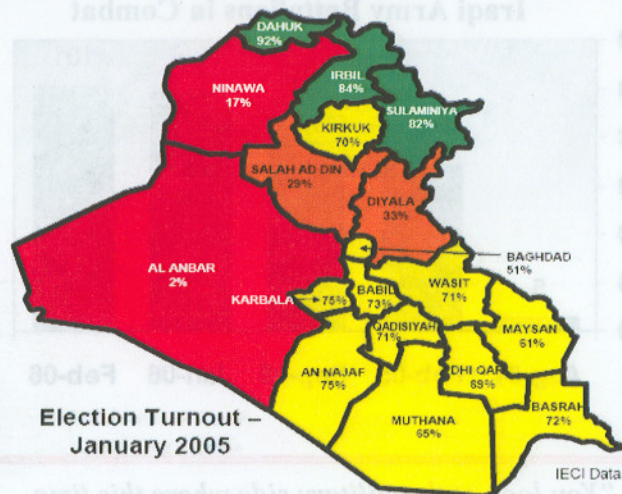
In September '05, the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) had 2 brigades and 19 battalions that owned battle space, indicated by the areas shaded in green.

### ISF Owned Battle Space: 3/6/06 (Based on March TRA data)



Just six months later, the ISF has 2 divisions, 13 brigades, and 49 battalions owning battle space. The Iraqi National Police control battle space in Baghdad. ISF control 65% of Baghdad. The

## Growth in Participation in the Electoral Process



*Significant increase of Sunni Arab participation in the political process. In Anbar province voter turn-out grew from 2% in January 2005 to 86% in the December 15th elections.*

Turn Out	
76% - 100%	
51% - 75%	
26% - 50%	
0% - 25%	



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## Iraq Update

### Global War Against Terror

- ♦ **The terrorists** are compelled by a militant ideology that celebrates murder and suicide, with no territory to defend, with little to lose, they will either succeed in changing our way of life or we'll succeed in changing theirs.
- ♦ **The terrorists** cannot defeat our forces on the battlefield, they challenge us through nontraditional, asymmetric or irregular means. They have repeatedly proven to be highly successful at manipulating the world's media here in this country as well as elsewhere and they carefully plan attacks to garner headlines in their effort to try to break our will.
- ♦ **The terrorists** call Iraq the central front in their war against the civilized world. And they hope to turn it into the same sort of haven for training and recruitment that Afghanistan served for the al Qaeda prior to September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ **The terrorists** seek to take over governments from North Africa to South Asia to re-establish a caliphate they hope, one day, will include every continent.
- ♦ **America** has a strategy as well. First, to use all elements of national power to do everything possible to prevent them from obtaining weapons of mass destruction. Second, to defend our homeland through sharing intelligence, law enforcement, and more integrated homeland defense. And third, to help friendly nations increase their capabilities to fight terrorism in their own countries.

Adapted from Sec. Rumsfeld remarks to the Natl. Press Club



➤ In July 2004, there were no operational Army division or brigade headquarters.

🇮🇶 **Today, 2 divisions, 13 brigades, and 49 battalions control their own battle space.**

➤ In July 2004, there were no operational National Police units under the Ministry of the Interior.

🇮🇶 **Today all 28 authorized National Police battalions are in the fight with 8 battalions "in the lead."**

➤ In August 2004, there were roughly 184,000 trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces.

🇮🇶 **Today there are over 240,000 trained and equipped Iraqi Security Forces.**

➤ In August 2004, a handful of Iraqi Army battalions were in the fight.

🇮🇶 **Today there are 101 Iraqi Ministry of Defense combat battalions in the fight with 59 battalions "in the lead."**

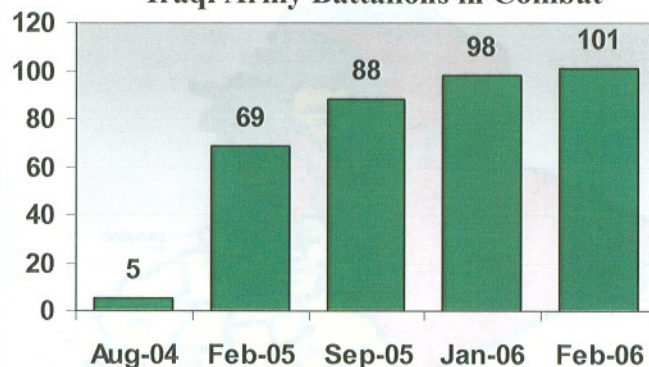
➤ The experience and ability of the Iraqi forces has also increased.

🇮🇶 **In two of the past four months, the number of ISF independent operations exceeded the number of Coalition independent operations.**

*"We are comrades. The Iraqi Army and the American forces are brothers. We bleed together. We shed tears over the same fallen comrades."*

- Brig. Gen. Aziz Noor, Commander, 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division.

**Iraqi Army Battalions in Combat**



*"You look at the military side where this time last year there were just a handful of Iraqi battalions in the field. Now there are over 100 battalions in the field. They had no brigades—that's about 3,000 men each. Now they've got about 31 brigades. No matter where you look at their military, their police, their society, things are much better this year than they were last."*

- General Peter Pace, 3/4/06

### What the Extremists are Saying

*Our demands are:*

*First, expelling the invaders from our land in Palestine and Iraq and the rest of the land of Islam. Second, establishing God's Shari'ah [Islamic law] on Earth, spreading the justice of Islam, and eliminating the injustice of [other] religions. We will not stop the raids until Islam triumphs and Shari'ah is established or we perish while doing that..*

-Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi January 2006

**March 6, 2006**

*"Dear General, our city was overrun by heartless terrorists, Abu Mus'ab Al Zarkawi and his followers who unloaded their blood thirsty and veracious action of evil on this city for several months by indiscriminately killing men, women and children. At that time Tall'afar days were all dark. I have seen by my own eyes, fathers holding their sons bleeding to death from injuries inflicted while we could do nothing to help as there was not a drop of life saving blood to be found in the whole city. Tall'afar was a human slaughter house. Simple public services were not possible causing the people to suffer, till the day you dispatched your troops who were our lionhearted saviors."*

*"Yes, our situation was that until the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR came to rescue Tall'afar .... As the Iraqi Army, Iraqi Police and the good people of Tall'afar cooperated with the U.S. Army in a united force operating in harmony as never before seen on any battlefield. This harmony cleansed our city of the savage bastards, by killing 150 and capturing 600 terrorists. What is forefront in the memories of the people is the minimal loss of innocent civilians in this battle, and property damaged that is not worth mentioning. After the major operation your wonderful soldiers started nursing the wounds of this city by rebuilding the damaged lives and buildings with great compassion and all speed."*

-Najim Abdullah Al-Jubori,

Mayor of Tall' afar

(Letter to General Casey, Multinational Forces Iraq)